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assisting Investigation officers and questioning complainants in cases such as assaults on women, rape, etc., and questioning women accused and women and child witnesses, patrolling large railway stations and meeting trains to deal with, control and assist women passengers, dealing with stray children and bandobust duties at large gatherings where women congregate.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Could not the women Police be employed to run the 'May I help you' squads that have recently come into existence in the State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Let us first try with the small skeleton staff in the railways. Then, we shall see what we can do further with the experience that we would be gaining.

DR. V. K. JOHN : Sir, are the Government of the opinion that women in the Police Force cannot discharge the duties and responsibilities which men can discharge?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not know, Sir, whether the hon. the Deputy Leader of the Opposition has a different view, but I think it is the general view that on account of physical handicaps, women Police cannot discharge their duties and responsibilities in the same way as men Police are expected to discharge and have been discharging.

DR. V. K. JOHN : What about strong women?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Even strong women, unless they are transformed into men, cannot become men for this purpose.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : What is the special dress that will be provided for the women Police Force?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : There should be no difficulty about the dress. Hon. Members have seen Scouts and N.C.C's. wearing special dress and that is not a very important matter. But that is also under examination.

SRIMATHI MARY C. CLUBWALA JADHAV : May I know when the women Police Force will start work?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That would depend upon hon. Members passing this Budget. (Laughter.)

Non-payment of salaries to teachers of Elementary Schools in Nannilam taluk

* 36 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the teachers of elementary schools under the management of Panchayats in Nannilam taluk of Tanjore district have not been paid their salaries due from 1st March 1957; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

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THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Finance) : (*a*) The salaries of teachers have since been paid.

(*b*) The delay in payment of salaries was presumably due to want of adequate funds with the Panchayats and also to the delay in the sanction of teaching grants by the Regional Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards. The Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards states that this delay was occasioned in consequence of the shifting of the office of the Regional Inspector from Tiruchirappalli to Madurai.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Have the Government information. Sir, that even to-day in Vishnupuram Panchayat in Nannilam taluk, there are teachers who have not got their salaries for the past one year or two?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Government have no such information. The hon. Member may put a separate question, Sir.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Government kindly issue instructions to the concerned officers to see that the teachers are regularly paid their monthly salaries as also their increments or at least appoint a Special Officer to investigate the matter as I have been receiving several representations in respect of this matter?

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY : May I ask a question, Sir? Do the Government pay compensation to teachers for the delay in the payment of their salaries? If payment of salary is delayed, it means loss to the teachers. Are the Government compensating the teachers for the loss that they are sustaining?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : There is no provision for the payment of compensation in such cases. As regards the question put by the hon. Member Sri G. Krishnamoorthy, I wish to state that there is no need to say that people should observe rules. Whenever there is a breach of rules, it may be brought to the notice of the Government.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Are the Government aware that not only in Nannilam taluk but in other places also in panchayat schools, the payment of salaries is delayed for a number of months?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The Government can understand it but I cannot say that they are aware of every case where there is delayed payment. These things should be brought to the notice of Government as specific instances.

SRI A. M. ALLAPICHAI : Supposing a specific case of delay in payment of salary is brought to the notice of the Government, what steps would the Government take?

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THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: We see that the salaries are paid as in this very case the salaries have been paid.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Will the Government issue instructions through the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards to see that the teachers in the Vishnupuram School are paid their salaries immediately whatever be the cause for the delay in payment?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: Unless the Government know for a fact that there is delayed payment, we cannot issue instructions. So far we have only a report from the hon. Member on the floor of this House. We will have to find out whether there has been delayed payment in the cases referred to.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: As I have been posted with written information that the concerned teachers have appealed to the Government, will the Government take up the appeal and issue instructions?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: The hon. Member may put a separate question.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN: How does this want of funds arise when there is already Budget provision? If it is due to administrative delays, it is one thing. But we are unable to understand how this want of funds could arise.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: The Panchayats do not have adequate funds. They have to pay in the first instance and recoup later. That is the difficulty.

Small-scale and Heavy Industries

3-10 p.m. * 37 Q.—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) whether any small-scale and heavy industries are going to be established in the State during the year 1958–59; and

(b) if so, what they are?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: (a) & (b) The Government do not propose to start any heavy industries during 1958–59. It is proposed to start the following small-scale industrial units during 1958–59:—

(1) Wood Seasoning Plant with Saw Mill and Servicing Unit at Guindy.

(2) Common Lease Shop in the Industrial Estate at Guindy.

(3) Cycle Assembling Unit at Guindy.

(4) Cycle Assembling Unit at Vellore.

(5) Industrial Co-operative Timber Works at Marthandam.